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DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO INCOME TAX EVASION

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced that JEVON K. ESTES pleaded guilty before United States Magistrate Judge Thomas B. McCoun, III to income tax evasion. The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

ESTES entered his plea of guilty to Count Three of an indictment which the United States filed on April 6, 2005. According to the indictment, plea agreement and testimony at the guilty plea hearing, ESTES earned substantial amounts of income during tax year 2000 from companies which his father controlled. He failed to file an income tax return for that year and thus failed to report approximately \$437,989.00 in income or pay the substantial amount of taxes due and owing on the income he did receive. He also acted in a similar manner in tax years 1998, 1999, and 2001.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay L. Hoffer of the Tampa Division.